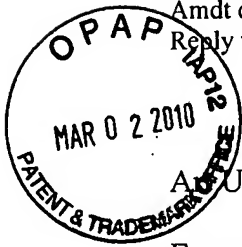


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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2009, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below. Applicant has requested a one month extension of time to extend the due date for responding to the Office Action to February 28, 2010. Payment for the one month extension has been authorized to be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one amended drawing figure is attached following page 13 of this paper.